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REMARKS

Status of the Application:

Claims 1–10, 12–27, 29–49, 51–56 are the claims of record of the application. Claims 1–3, 5–10, 12–22, 24–27, 29–38, 40, 49, 51–56 have been rejected and claims 4, 23 and 39 have been objected to and would be allowable if written in independent form.

Amendment and Response After Final Should Be Entered

Applicants recognize that the Examiner has discretion in considering a response after final rejection, and believe that the present response is sufficiently focused to be appropriate for entry.

The amendment overcomes the non-prior art based rejections, and amends all claims to include subject matter stated in the last Office Action to be allowable.

The amendments respond directly to the Examiner's concerns, are not believed to require additional search or raise new issues, and place the application in condition of allowance.

Entry is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 112 Second Paragraph (Indefiniteness)

In paragraph 1, claim 36–43,49, 51–56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 36 and claim 49. Each of these independent claims as amended are believed clear and understandable. The rejection is thus overcome for these independent claims and for their dependent claims. The amendment places these claims in condition of allowability or better condition for appeal if allowance is not forthcoming. Entry is respectfully requested.